

WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—The appointment of Lon H. Kelly, of Spott, to be United States District Attorney for the Southern district of West Virginia ends one of the longest drawn out and bitterest factional fights over patronage that the Democratic party in West Virginia has had since the party came into control of the national government. Mr. Kelly was an assistant of his predecessor, W. G. Barnhart, of Charleston.

The appointment is a recess one and will have to be confirmed by the Senate when Congress reconvenes, but there is no reason apparent at the present time that it will not be. Mr. Kelly has announced that he will move to Charleston and make that city his home.

The fight over this plum was between George I. Neal, who had a world of organization endorsements, including the backing of National Committee man C. W. Watson and former Senator W. E. Chilton, and A. M. Belcher, of Charleston, who had the endorsement of Representative Adam B. Littlepage. In reality, the fight may be said to have been between the party organization in the state and Mr. Littlepage. The Neal side had the strong backing of Attorney General Gregory also, and the appointment of Neal had been passed on up to the President with that official's recommendation. But it never got any further.

Littlepage's opposition to Neal dated from the time of the latter's management of Lewis Bennett's campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1908. Littlepage was the chief opponent of the Weston man, who won the nomination. Littlepage blamed his defeat on Neal. While he backed Belcher for the present appointment, his interest, it is said, was not so much in having Belcher as commissioner as it was to see to it that Neal did not land the job.

Mr. Littlepage's argument with the powers that be, briefly summed up, that, the only federal candidate of his party to come through to victory with the national ticket in that part of West Virginia, lying south of the Little Kanawha, he was entitled to be consulted about the distribution of patronage in that region. If he could not control the appointment, this much was due him, he claimed. Certainly, no one should be named who was personally repugnant to him, in a political sense, of course. This, the Hon. George I. Neal, of Huntington, most assuredly was and is. To have Neal or any one else appointed over his protest, would be humiliating, and tend to weaken him in the eyes of his party and the public. Furthermore, had not Mr. Littlepage voted every time as the administration wanted, obedient without a slip, and mighty cheerful over it? Sure and certain he had. This was another argument that the Charleston congressman laid at the feet of the President.

The inside of the Kelly appointment hasn't yet got to the gossiping politicians. There are many rumors, but none of them sizes up, like the only true version. The fact is, though, that Kelly

hails from a county that is not in the Littlepage district, but is in the Third, which is now represented by Hon. Stuart F. Reel. Littlepage is not credited with having anything to do with the appointment, but he is credited with having all to do with the second defeat of Neal for this selfsame office.

Robert L. Hamilton, clerk of the House of Delegates, started the tongues of the Democratic contingent wagging, by fetching to town yesterday a piece of news which listened to the boys like an authentic rendition. Mr. Hamilton told his friends and Congressman M. M. Neely has finally decided to announce himself a candidate for the senatorial nomination when the proper time for announcing is deemed to have arrived. The only thing new about this is that the bearer of the story is thought to speak by the card. There had been primed time and again unsupported stories of the likelihood of Neely trying for the Senate, but this is the first time that it comes along with anything like a foundation to hold it up. This may account for Mr. Neely's long, continued absence from the House during the summer months of Congress. It is guessed now that he was busy in West Virginia during all that time building his fences and getting ready to go after the big prize—the senatorship—next year.

Greatly interested in the industrial growth of his native state, former Senator William E. Chilton, of Charleston, is an enthusiastic booster for West Virginia. "While the entire state is becoming an industrial community," said Mr. Chilton at the Raleigh today, "Charleston is leading all the cities in the state. The United States government is doing much to bring about the growth of industry at Charleston. The \$11,000,000 armor plate and the \$2,750,000 projectile plants have been located at Charleston and the projectile plant is well under way, with hundreds of men coming from distant states to help in the construction."

In addition to that, Secretary of the Navy Daniels told me that the government had also selected Charleston for a large naval gun factory, which it is proposed to build at the earliest possible date. Secretary Daniels did not say how much money would be put into this plant, but I was given the impression that it probably would be larger than either of the other plants. "We expect to make a great industrial city out of Charleston," Secretary Daniels told me. In addition to the government plants, there are vast chemical, glass, iron working and other manufacturing enterprises there, which are bringing people to the city so fast it is difficult to find homes for them. The next census is going to show a remarkable percentage of increase in the population of Charleston over the one of ten years ago."

United States Senator and Mrs. Howard Sutherland have left Washington for the training camp near Chat-

tanooga, Tenn., where their son, Captain Richard Sutherland, is stationed training soldiers of the National army. Expecting their son to be sent to France very shortly, Senator and Mrs. Sutherland took advantage of the opportunity afforded the former by the congressional vacation to leave Washington, to make this visit to their only son.

The Pension Commissioner has notified Senator Sutherland of the granting of a pension to Mrs. Tacy Vanscoy, of Kerens, W. Va., at the rate of \$20 a month from September 28, 1916, and \$25 a month from October 6, 1917. This is the first West Virginia soldier's widow to be announced as a beneficiary of the recently enacted Smoot amendment.

Commissions as postmasters in the fourth class have been issued to Chas. B. Warren, Barnabus, Logan county, and to Peter Drinnan, Wildemouth.

Star service has been established from Kodol to Pine Grove. George W. Knisely is the contractor.

Inspectors have been detailed by the Postoffice department to investigate the vacancies existing at the following named office and to recommend suitable persons to fill them: At Ballengee, Eldorado, Hagans and Kyger.

Arrangements have been made by Congressman Woodyard through Major General W. M. Busck, chief of engineers, by which the government, which is now dredging in the Ohio river at dam No. 16, will unload gravel at the wharf at Friendly, W. Va., with which to make a suitable and permanent approach. The order issued is that every time the government boat makes a trip to Friendly for stone and other materials, it shall tow a barge of gravel until a sufficient amount for the new landing is secured. This arrangement with the government was made by Congressman Woodyard at the suggestion and upon the request of Mayor Pat H. Anderson, of Friendly.

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DR. BROOMFIELD

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that I had six hundred men in prayer-meeting last Wednesday evening—you will not wonder at my warming up in my address, and being extremely happy at its close. We have a concert on Monday evening, movies on Tuesday evening, prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, movies on Thursday evening, veried program on Friday evening, and stunts by the men on Saturday evening.

On Sunday we start at 8:30 a. m. with Bible classes; chaplain's services at 9:30 and 10:30, and evangelistic services at night. This is our weekly program, and the Foodick Commission created by the Government provides us with the strongest talent the country affords. The men have eight hours a day of strenuous physical exercises and drills and when night comes they are ready to be entertained and instructed. The home folks are not being forgotten. From our tent as many as four thousand letters and cards a day are being sent north.

The tent is their natural meeting place after supper, and no circus tent ever was more crowded than ours is from 6:30 until nine. They are an honest, jolly and loveable crowd, and greatly appreciate what we are doing for them, and a great deal is being done for them. A report from the War Council in New York told us last week that in this division alone in which our camp is located, they are distributing each month \$17,000 worth of stationary free to the soldiers.

This is but a sample of what is being done for the well being of the boys. We have 30,000 men here now, and the drafted men are coming in at the rate of 500 a day. Into our Brigade the Russian Poles from Northern Ohio are being sent and it is making it difficult for the officers, as many of the men can understand but little English. The sunny South is sunny in day time, but woe be to the man

who comes unprepared for the cold nights. I have been undressing, and then dressing for bed. When I tell you that woolen socks, heavy underwear, flannel pajamas, and heavy bathrobe, under three heavy army blankets, constitute my covering in the night time and then my suffering from cold is very keen you will understand what I mean by dressing for bed.

The food is characteristic of army life. Beans, bacon, beef, potatoes and bread, with sometimes kraut and weanles, constitute our bill of fare. Silverware, table linen, China, and table furnishings generally will seem strange to us when we return.

A rolled-oats box is our sugar bowl, and a tumbler our salt shaker. Side dishes are unknown, and milk and cream unheard of, and yet with it all we are happy, extremely so. What preacher wouldn't be with 600 earnest worshippers, stalwart men in a mid week prayer meeting? I am already wondering what I'll do when I get back to the Temple, with the orthodox faithful few present.

Well, folks, I must close. Don't forget to give us a place in your prayers for the fight is keen.

Gambling, and obscenity, and blasphemy, and impurity, are all about us, but we are waging war against all sin in the name of our King.

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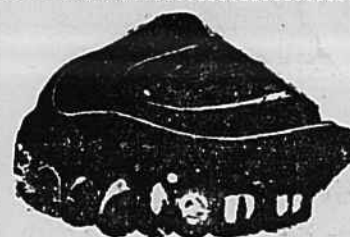
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